

Norwood Now Only Unbeaten Side in League

North Downed At Alberton By Port's Big Men

STURT SCORE AGAIN

As a result of their win at Wayville, and North's defeat at Alberton, Norwood are now the only unbeaten side in the league. Scores:—

Port, 22—16 (148 pts.); North, 13—13 (91 pts.).
Sturt, 19—20 (134 pts.); Glenelg, 14—9 (93 pts.).
Norwood, 15—10 (100 pts.); West, 10—19 (79 pts.).
South, 16—12 (108 pts.); Torrens, 11—18 (84 pts.).

Superior in practically every department, and particularly across centre, Sturt were too strong for Glenelg. It was a poor game at Thebarton, where neither South nor Torrens showed much system.

Port Ends North's Run Of Successes

By R. B.

Playing football that was of real premiership standard, Port ended North's run of successes in league football by a magnificent 57-point victory at Alberton.

Port's spectacular first half was football at its best. They outplayed North with a superb exhibition of high marking, accurate foot passing, and effective handballing that has not been seen in league football for a long time.

PORT hand-balled their way out of crushes or when tackled, and short-passed in front of goals with effective results. They were obviously playing to a systematic plan.

Abbott came a long way out of goals, allowing the big men to drop back, and their strength in the ruck was another big factor in their success.

Probably one of the biggest aids to victory was Hollingworth's close checking of Farmer, which resulted in North's scoring power being greatly reduced.

Port	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5.3	13.9	17.12	32.16	148
North	5.5	7.7	10.10	13.13	91

Goalkickers—Port: R. Dangerfield (6), Abbott (5), McLean (4), Hoffman (3), Kellaway (2), Reval and Skelly, North; Farmer (4), Hawke, and Oatway (each 3), Rix, D. West, Carvosso.

Best Players—Port: Reval, Hollingworth, Hoffman, R. Dangerfield, McLean, Abbott, Kellaway. North: Pash, Warhurst, Hawke, Bennetts, Rix, Oatway, Shepherdson.

Sturt Defeat Glenelg Decisively; Morton Overworked

By Vic Johnson

Sturt were convincing in their victory over Glenelg at Adelaide today.

They have their weaknesses, but no team can do more than win, even allowing for the opposition not offering any great resistance, and nothing could have been more decisive than the double-blues' victory today.

Sturt	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4.4	9.10	14.14	19.20	134
Glenelg	3.4	6.6	7.7	14.9	93

THE greatest fault that I see in Sturt's football is too much Morton. I have a great regard for this player's ability, but the feeding of him is overdone.

Morton's unselfishness is unquestionable, but men directing the ball forward must remember that there are two other players near goal, who are many times uncovered.

With the opposing back men concentrating on the Sturt full forward, a few goals from the other players would only tend to increase Morton's effectiveness in that it would necessitate those players being more closely guarded, thus allowing Morton more freedom.

Glenelg could do with the stiffening of two fine players of the calibre of Boyall and Abbott.

Glenelg are keen and full of vigor, but poor footpassing, mostly punt kicking, and handball overdone, will not get them very far.

BURDEN TOO GREAT

Johnston is carrying a tremendous ruck burden, and in spite of his valiant efforts, this department, too, is a big handicap to Glenelg.

Smith quickly gave Sturt the advantage in the packs when the game opened, but the Sturt rovers were slow to take advantage of this. They were standing altogether too close to the rucks.

Glenelg, however, were generally superior in the aerial duels, and, racing Sturt to the ball, opened up with fine dash.

Morton was finding it difficult to obtain possession early, not because of his own inferiority, but because of the shocking kicking-in to him.

Why players will persist in punt-passing is hard to understand. The Sturt full-forward was forced to stand flat-footed waiting for floating punts, only to have the ball punched away, or marked over him.

TWO QUICK GOALS

Late in the first quarter, Sturt began to drop-kick the ball to Morton, with the result that he quickly scored two goals, leaving Sturt only six points down.

In this term Glenelg had won at centre, centre half-back, and centre half-forward, but Sturt had been on top in the ruck and on both wings.

I was surprised to see Gierach playing as a rover for Sturt. When I saw him against Norwood at centre, I thought he did really well. Today, as a rover, he appeared lost.

Morton began a great goal-kicking performance as soon as the second quarter began. During the match from 14 shots he obtained 10 goals 3 be-

hinds, the other one going out of bounds.

Such a menace did he become, that late in this quarter Bell was shifted from goal, his place being taken by Keane, who had played finely at centre half-back.

TIGERS UNSETTLED

But the game was gradually slipping from Glenelg's grasp.

The young Sturt team had settled down to good football, and with Clarke a safe avenue round one wing, Glenelg became unsettled and lost almost any advantage that they had held at any part of the ground.

The game lost much of its attractiveness in the second half, and the only reason that I could see for Sturt not being even further ahead at three-quarter time, when they led by 40 points, was in the fault I have previously mentioned, "too much Morton."

Keane was close checking him, and Sturt were making him their objective, with almost every kick.

Lush, who had been kept particularly quiet by Rudd, left the ground at this change, and was replaced by Robbent, Waite, going to full-forward.

WAITE ELUSIVE

Rudd deserves great credit for his job. Never showy, he played really well. His vigor and clever shadowing had the effect of unbalancing Lush.

In Waite Rudd found a handful. Elusive to a degree, a quick goal from Waite appeared to put fresh life into Glenelg, and, fighting back strongly, they momentarily had things their own way.

Waite added four quick goals, and bay supporters began to have hopes.

Sturt, however, soon settled down again, and put the result beyond doubt.

With Alf Smith still in command in ruck, Leak, at centre in place of Harris, who had been taken off and replaced by Robinson, giving a taste of his quality, the match ended with Morton's shot after the bell going out of bounds.

STURT—Backs: Herbert, Rudd, Williams. Half-backs: N. Henden, Tooby, G. Heylen. Centres: Treleven, Harris, Clark. Half-forwards: Leak, Ward, Zuckler. Forwards: Gierach, Morton, Hardy, Smith, Biggs, Langley, Robinson (19th).

Harris (injured leg) replaced by Robinson in last quarter.

GLENELG—Backs: Corbett, Bell, Alrendt. Half-backs: McLeod, Keane, Pike. Centres: Seeley, Hunt, Parsons. Half-forwards: Vrnahies, Goodwin. Full Forwards: Waite, Lush, McGregor, Kueck, Johnston, Brock, Link, Robbent (19th).

Lush (injured leg) replaced by Robbent in the last quarter. Seeley (injured leg) left field in last quarter.

Umpire—E. J. Hine.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Morton (10), Langley (3), Biggs, Ward, Smith, Hardy, Zuckler, Leak, Glenelg: Waite (5), McGregor (4), Link (2), Lush, Goodwin, Pike.

Best Players—Sturt: Morton, Clark, Smith, Biggs, Treleven, Rudd, Waite, Glenelg: Hunt, Brock, Keane, Waite, McGregor, Goodwin, Pike.

22,000 At Matches

THE estimated attendances at league games today were:—

Alberton	11,000
Adelaide	5,500
Thebarton	3,500
Showgrounds	2,000
	22,000

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Farmer (North)	4	36
Morton (Sturt)	10	30
Schultz (Norwood)	8	23
Hann (Torrens)	4	17
R. Dangerfield (Port)	6	15
Hudson (West)	4	15

HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	Points For	Points Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	4	4	—	450	380	8
Port	4	3	1	475	347	6
North	4	3	1	497	499	6
Sturt	4	2	2	464	434	4
South	4	2	2	442	448	4
Torrens	4	1	3	401	442	2
West	4	1	3	350	404	2
Glenelg	4	—	4	401	517	—

SOUTH BEAT TORRENS IN RAGGED GAME

Neither Team Displays Much System

By K. V. P.

In a poor game South beat Torrens at Thebarton. There was nothing to commend the match. It was ragged and crowded throughout, and neither team showed much system. The most exciting incident was a short fight between two spectators on a mound.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2.2	7.6	11.10	16.12	108
Torrens	2.2	4.7	6.11	11.18	84

Goalkickers—South: Pryor, Crawford (each 3), Rusby, Laphorne, Murdy, Jack Dawes (each 2), Cahill, Brown, Torrens; Hann, Juttner (each 1), Coulter (2), Scott.

Best Players—South: Jack Dawes, Laphorne, Boyle, Cahill, Brown, Murdy, Torrens; Coulter, Juttner, Scott, Adcock, Downs, Nicholls.

Victoria Should Clear Abbott And Boyall

By Vic Johnson

FOOTBALL enthusiasts will applaud the decision of the South Australian National Football League to send a deputation to wait on the Geelong and Collingwood Clubs in Melbourne with reference to clearances for Abbott and Boyall, the Victorian players whose services are sought by Glenelg.

The league's action has shown its eagerness to improve football in this State, and even though its efforts with the Collingwood Club were not successful, and Geelong's attitude is fairly clear, the league deserves every credit for the step it has taken.

To me it has always seemed unfair that any man who has a chance to better himself should be debarred from doing so because he is a good footballer.

I feel sure that few club officials would even consider their club if it stood between them and advancement elsewhere.

I do not know the full details about the leaving of Abbott and Boyall, but if everything is in order—and we are assured that it is—then they should be cleared.

The Victorians have been topdogs in football for a good many years, and we in South Australia have been ever ready to applaud their ability. From recent events it would seem that, regardless of how the game progresses in other States, they intend to remain on top.

Theirs is definitely a selfish attitude. So long as their club games continue to draw huge crowds, they are content, and bother the other fellow!

They are prepared to come to Adelaide every year to show the football public here how well they can play, but they are only ready to receive this State in Melbourne once in a while, because South Australian teams cannot draw a gate in that capital, and the interstate game interferes with the club roster.

When a Victorian team does visit Adelaide, it is usually a time for intensive canvassing by their club scouts.

Having taken the pick of the players from other States, they yet are not prepared to let us have two of their players.

Names of players that Victorian clubs have taken from this State during the past 10 years or so which come most readily to mind are:—Whitehead, Dunn, Parry, Williamson, Bertram, Troughton, Quinn, Conole, Wade, Waye, Curyer, Margittich, Dayman Drury Sexton, and Sawley.

In Collingwood's favor it cannot be said that they have used any of the players named, but with Geelong it is different.

Everyone connected with football knows how two of these players were obtained by Geelong, and I well recall how, on another occasion, when Geelong were on tour in Adelaide, they endeavored to obtain the services of two other players who at that time showed great promise.

It had been hoped that the clubs concerned would see eye-to-eye with the deputation and realize that it would be for the betterment of the game generally if Abbott and Boyall were cleared.

After all, it is an Australian game that we play, not solely Victorian, and football generally would prosper if these two men were permitted to play.

Stars In Today's Matches

R. KEANE, Glenelg defender, was one of his side's best men against Sturt at Adelaide. He was sent from centre half-back to check Morton, who was brilliant at full-forward for the double-blues, and made a good job of it.

RECRUITED from the association side W. Pike has proved one of Glenelg's most useful men this season. He was prominent on a half-back wing and in the last term played at centre wing, finding Treleven a difficult opponent.